Bill on air and water pollution

1304. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, in consultation with the State Governments would bring forth a comprehensive Bill to prevent air and water pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the damage done by the air and water pollution to the society; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the assessment?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Decline in Black Buck Population

1305. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Black Buck population in the country is decreasing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the approximate number of Black Bucks in Buguda area in Orissa; and

(d) the details of the steps taken for proper conservation of these rare species?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.